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MILITARY TRAINING TO YOUTHS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are planning to introduce a series of steps to train and orient youngsters for career in the Armed forces right from school stage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds required/made available to modernize/upgrade the network and course matrix during the next fiscal year;
- (d) the present status of on-going upgradation programme of training institutes in the country, State-wise; and
- (e) the funds allocated, utilised and results achieved therefrom during the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): A series of schemes and institutions already exist for orienting and training youngsters for a career in the Armed Forces. The Sainik Schools, the Military Schools, the Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC) and the National Cadet Corps (NCC) have been in existence for a number of years.

(c) to (e): The process of modernisation and upgradation is a continuous process. Funds are provided to these institutions/schemes which are programme/institution specific and are not made state-wise. The utilisation of the allocated funds and the results achieved are satisfactory.